

CITY AFFAIRS.

ADVERTISERS will take notice that we cannot engage that any advertisement sent to THE NEWS office at a later hour than half-past nine o'clock at night will appear in the next morning's paper. An exception to this rule is made in favor of notices of meetings, deaths and funerals.

Meetings This Day.

St. Andrew's Lodge, at 8 P. M.
Executive Committee Taxpayers, at 5 P. M.
St. Stephen's Church Society, at 6 P. M.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.—We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation from the faculty and pupils of the Columbia (Tenn.) Athenaeum, to be present at the commencement exercises of that institution.

BUSINESS ENVELOPES.—The News Job Office is now prepared to furnish good envelopes, with business cards printed thereon, at \$4 per thousand. Send your orders. Every merchant and business man should have his card printed on his envelopes.

BURGLARY.—Late Saturday night the residence of Mr. W. L. Webb, at the corner of Cannon and Rutledge streets, was burglariously entered, and a quantity of clothing stolen. The detectives have arrested Joseph Smith, H. Seabrook and James Bingley upon suspicion of having been connected with the burglary.

THE MOVEMENT AGAINST THE CITY DEBT.—By an advertisement in another column, it will be seen that the Executive Committee appointed by the citizens meeting of June 3d, to take legal steps to dispute the validity of a large portion of the city debt, will meet this afternoon, at Market Hall. We are told that ward committees will at once be appointed, and the movement pushed with vigor by those who have it in charge.

CONFIRMATION.—At St. Peter's church, yesterday morning, Bishop Lynch administered the rite of confirmation to twenty-seven persons. A procession of the Sunday-school children was formed in honor of Corpus Christi in the afternoon. The church was handsomely decorated, there was a large crowd present, and one hundred and twenty-five children in the procession. The ceremonies were conducted by Bishop Lynch and Rev. Father Folch.

LECTURE BY FATHER GARESCHE.—As previously announced, Rev. F. P. Garesché will deliver a lecture in the Hibernian Hall, on Wednesday evening, upon the subject: "Pillars of life; its nature, duties and trials." Tickets of admission (50 cents) may be procured in the vestries of the different Catholic Churches, in all the book stores, and from any of the following committee: Rev. F. J. Shadler, John B. Ladette, Thomas O'Brien, John Commas, Jos. R. Cassidy.

LIBERATED.—In the case of the State vs. Stanislaus Sharon, the accused was discharged by Justice J. G. Mackey. It appeared that the prisoner had given a check for eighty dollars on the Citizens' Bank, to a party, over his own signature. The check was presented at the bank, when it was discovered that he had no bank account; this led to the prisoner's arrest. The justice decided that as no money had passed between the parties, it was not an indictable offence, and therefore the accused was entitled to his discharge.

BOLD ROBBERY.—A few days ago Rev. Father Schachte left at the store of Mr. O'Connor, on King street, to be cleaned and polished, a valuable silver chalice, inlaid with gold, and having in raised work on the outside a number of religious emblems, and the inscription: "Presented to Father O'Neill, by the congregation of St. Patrick's Church, for his services to the sick and poor," and under it, "Bequeathed to Father Schachte." While Mr. O'Connor was out, a bold thief stepped in and carried off the base of the chalice, of solid silver. Officers provided with search warrants from Trial Justice T. J. Mackey are diligently at work in the case.

A white man named Napoleon Durker, who was arrested last Friday by Officer Burke, upon the charge of stealing the base of the chalice, confessed the deed.

AMBROSINE.—This name, says the New York Tribune, has been given by Charles U. Shepard, Sr., of South Carolina, to a mineral resembling both amber and resin, which, he thinks, originated in some of the coniferous trees that existed during the pleocene epoch in geology, when the phosphatic formations found in that State were in progress. It differs from any of the oxygenated hydrocarbons previously known. It melts into a clear, yellowish liquid at about 450 deg. Fahr., giving off a considerable amount of succinic acid before melting. After fusion it yields a volatile oil, which has a balsamic odor unlike that from the roots of the pine. Ambrosine is very combustible, and, burning without ashes, gives a yellowish white light. It is soluble in alcohol, ether, chloroform, oil of turpentine, and in a solution of potash.

MEDICAL EXPERTS AS WITNESSES.—The New York Tribune, in discussing the question whether or not paid medical experts may not be in some sense interested witnesses, cites the McFarland trial, the Victor Noll and other cases in support of the opinion that they may be, and says that the most recent instance of the views of a medical expert in a law case comes, within a few days, from Charleston, S. C. A prisoner having been taken before Justice Mackey, a physician came forward and claimed the prisoner as his patient, declared that the trial of the case at law would ruin the case which he was so successfully treating, and vehemently insisted that the necessity of keeping the prisoner under the counterpane should be accepted as a counter-plea. The justice, however, resented the interference of the medical expert, and, as he persisted in it, imprisoned him for contempt of court.

This is the case of which mention was made a short time since.

Hotel Arrivals—June 18 and 19.

CHARLESTON HOTEL.
N. Mergoy, Bark Village Queen; J. H. Hughes, New York; S. Beetschaw, Kingstreet; D. Benjamin, Richmond; W. Cherry, Georgia; W. B. Flaherty, A. P. George and Miss Georgia; Baltimore; S. P. Aspinwall, Pennsylvania; J. S. L. Stillwell, Augusta; J. C. Griffin, Baltimore; W. B. Lawton, New York; A. C. Coe, Boston; J. G. Clark, Savannah; W. P. Clyde, New York; Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Hill and L. Godfrey, Philadelphia; J. B. Sardy, New York; H. B. True, Madison, Ga.; G. M. Derriving, New York; E. D. Woodruff, Jr., and R. B. Croisdale, Philadelphia; W. L. Dawson, Summerville; M. E. Fagan, Philadelphia; J. R. Shekell, Boston; R. Dozier, Georgetown; H. Buck and family, Buckville, S. C.; E. T. Walton, Wilmington, Del.; H. V. L. Spriggs, South Carolina; J. A. Maze and W. H. Glederslev, Southpharville, S. C.

PATRIOT HOTEL.
R. H. Coston, New Jersey; C. R. Johnston, Alabama; W. R. Fuller, Macon, Ga.; H. C. Lancaster, Enterprise, Wadmalaw Island; S. B. Cham, Kingstree; D. Benjamin, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. A. H. Southan and child, City; W. N. Jones, N. E. R. R.

SHIPPERS OF VEGETABLES will note the peculiar advantages offered them by the quick and invariably punctual arrival at New York of the steamers Champion and Charleston, the former of which sails next Saturday, and the latter on Saturday, July 2d.

CRUMBS.—The thermometer stood at 92 in the shade at noon yesterday.

Robert Maurice was sent to jail Saturday under the vagrant law.

The State Court was in session only a short time Saturday, during which a few orders were granted.

The storm of wind Saturday afternoon did considerable damage to the trees and shrubbery in the city.

Lieutenant Taff, of the Police force, has received his commission as colonel of the militia of Charleston County.

The South Carolina Railroad Company want one hundred and thirty thousand feet of palmetto logs.

The militia of Charleston County—the volunteer companies only—will parade on the 4th of July.

Daddy Cain asserts that "reconstruction, so far as the colored man is concerned, is a failure."

Isaac Rivers, colored, arrested for petit larceny, was liberated, as the testimony did not sustain the allegations in the complaint.

Fifty dollars "consent money" was received at the treasury, Washington, a few days ago from Charleston, South Carolina, the amount being due on customs.

Diana Middleton, colored, found guilty of stealing three dollars and fifty cents from Reuben Smith, was sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars and costs or thirty days in jail. She went to jail.

Cases of wife-beating, by colored men, are becoming very frequent in the Justices' Courts. Wives thus situated should like the wife down East, who beats her husband once a week, then, going into her closet, sings, "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

The opinion of the city attorney is, that private property belonging to the city is liable to seizure and sale for debt, when levied upon under judgment of court, but that as the Battery, Artesian Well, and other city property, is dedicated to public use, and is, therefore, the property of every individual citizen, their seizure is illegal, and will not hold good in court.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

We would call the attention of housekeepers, (economical and otherwise,) to the advertisement of "Country Butter," (kept on ice,) in this day's issue, for sale by that popular and enterprising grocer, Wilson. Give him a trial.

CINCINNATI LAGER BEER.—Arriving weekly in half and quarter barrels. A supply always on hand. For sale by
J. N. M. WOLTMANN,
June 14-4 No. 187 East Bay.

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Descriptive pamphlets, containing a full account of these Springs, and certificates of numerous cases cured, or relieved, can be had on application to the Manager, at the Springs, or to S. C. TARDY & CO., Richmond, Virginia.

Telegraphic Office in the Hotel. Owners, THOS. R. PRICE & CO., Richmond, Va. may 25-1mo

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THE SECOND SESSION of the School Year of 1870 will begin on the first of July, and end on the 30th of November.

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FRASER—WILSON.—In Charleston, on the 14th of June, by the Rev. R. S. Truitt, S. SYDNEY FRASER, of Georgetown, to SARAH M., youngest daughter of Hugh Wilson, Esq., of Charleston.

ANTHONY—DAVIS.—On Thursday evening, 9th instant, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. H. A. C. Walker, Captain HENRY ANTHONY, of St. John's, N. B., to Miss MARY M. DAVIS, of Georgetown.

GIBBS—SCHULZ.—At St. Luke's Church, Berlin, Prussia, on the 24th May, 1870, by the Rev. T. SCHULZ, JAMES S. GIBBS, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., to Miss ELLA SCHULZ, of Berlin, Prussia, youngest daughter of the Hon. Justus Schulz, member of the Royal Council of the Parliament of Prussia.

Funeral Notices.

THE RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND Acquaintances of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Yeaton, and of their Sons, H. W. and T. F. Yeaton, and of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their Daughter, Miss MARIA W. YEATON, at Century Church, This AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.
June 20-1*

Special Notices.

CONSIGNEES PER STEAMSHIP SOUTH CAROLINA, from New York, are notified that the cargo is being discharged at Pier No. 2, Union Wharves. All goods unclaimed for at sunset will be stored at expense and risk of owners.

WM. A. COUTENAY,
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June 11-dac6

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